

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt or an alkali or alkaline earth metal salt thereof,

in which

A represents a nitrogen atom or CR<sup>3</sup>,

wherein

R<sup>3</sup> denotes a hydrogen, a nitro group or a halogen atom, or a carboxamide or carboxyl group, and

~~R~~<sup>1</sup> represents a nitrogen atom or C-H, and A and ~~R~~<sup>2</sup> cannot simultaneously be nitrogen atoms, and

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom or a straight-chain or branched alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl radical which has up to 12 carbon atoms and is optionally substituted by radical(s) selected from hydroxyl, alkoxy, alkylmercapto or dialkylamino with 1 to 3 carbon atoms in each alkyl radical, alkoxycarbonyl with 1

to 4 carbon atoms in the alcohol part, and mono- or bi-cyclic carbocyclic aryl [and mono- or bi-cyclic N-, O- or S- hetaryl], or furthermore represents a cycloalkyl radical with 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or, together with the nitrogen atom which they substituted or together with [and, if appropriate,] a further hetero-atom selected from the group consisting of N, O and S form a 3-membered to 7-membered ring which can be [mono-] substituted [or polysubstituted] by radical(s) selected from alkyl or alkenyl with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, alkoxy or alkylmercapto with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonyl with 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alcohol part, and mono- or bi-cyclic carbocyclic aryl, and ~~[which] wherein said rings formed by R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can~~ furthermore possess a double bond.

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Claim 3 (Once Amended) A compound according to claim 1 or 2, in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the nitrogen atom which they substituted and oxygen or sulphur or NR<sup>4</sup> as a further hetero-atom form a 3-membered or 7-membered ring which may be [mono]substituted [or polysubstituted] by radical(s) selected from alkyl or alkenyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, alkoxy or alkylmercapto with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy-carbonyl with 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alcohol part, and mono- or bi-cyclic carbocyclic aryl, and [which] wherein said ring formed by R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can furthermore possess a double bond, and in which

R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen, or [a] an unsubstituted branched or straight-chain alkyl[, alkenyl or alkynyl] group which has up to 6 carbon atoms or a branched or straight-chain alkyl which has up to 6 carbon atoms which [and] is [optionally]

substituted by radical(s) selected from hydroxyl, alkoxy, alkylmercapto or dialkylamino with 1 to 3 carbon atoms per alkyl radical, and alkoxy-carbonyl with 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alcohol part, or represents an aralkyl group which [is optionally substituted in the mono- or bi-cyclic carbocyclic aryl radical and] has up to 4 carbon atoms in the aliphatic part, or an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group or [a hetero-cyclic radical], pyridine, pyrimidine, thiazole or benzothiazole or

R<sup>4</sup> denotes an alkoxy-carbonyl group which is optionally substituted by a mono- or bi-cyclic carbocyclic aryl radical and has 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alcohol part, an alkanoyl radical with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an

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aryl radical, an optionally substituted alkyl-  
or aryl-(thio)carbamoyl radical, an alkyl- or  
aryl-sulphonyl radical or an optionally substituted  
aminosulphonyl radical.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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ADDITIONAL FEE

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REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 5 to 15.

The telephonic election made by applicant's attorney is affirmed and the restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The Examiner has provided no basis for the assertion with respect to the utilities of the compounds in the respective groups. Withdrawal of the requirement is requested.

Claims 1-4 and 16-31 have been rejected under 35 USC 112.

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